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1. The Stalin Automobile Plant (ZIS) is located about 20 minutes by car from the center of Moscow. The factory produces trucks which run on gasoline, diesel fuel, oil, or natural gas and are powered by 40 to 50-hp engines. Between 15,000 and 20,000 employees work at the factory on a single, eight-hour shift six days a week. Half of the employees are women.

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2. The plant has a Niles Point machine and a multi-spindle drilling machine on the transfer line. The drilling machine is fully automatic and efficient. There are three centerless grinding machines; one for roughing, one for semi-finishing, and one for finishing. These machines are crude and not up to normal western standards. The plant has two crankshaft grinding machines There appeared to be no proper inspection of the grinding. In dressing the grinding wheel, the perastat (sic) process is used, instead of the diamond process, to save diamond costs.

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3. A request to see a Soviet-made crankshaft grinding machine, as shown in the Soviet Machine Tool Catalogue, was evaded.
4. The main conveyor belt at the factory is about 350 yards long, and trucks are about one foot apart on the belt. The truck chassis are hand-sprayed by women, and no spray booths were seen. No spare machinery was apparent. The factory is equipped with its own foundry, which is described as efficient. The heating and lighting at the plant are good. There is a lack of foremen and inspectors.
5. There is an armed female guard on the main gate of the plant where the employees check in and out.

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